



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JUNE 2014

1. Quite a busy month in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC.

Main contributors this month were communications relating to planning matters associated with both the Corus and Agilent Sites as well as the revised LDP, the Stagecoach bus service as well as The Queensferry Crossing. World Heritage Status for the Forth Bridge and parking provision/local traffic congestion. A number of queries relating to late bin collections were also received.

An invitation to QDCC to attend the WW1 Drumhead Service on 10 August 2014 was also received.

Again there were some further enquiries as to the ongoing closure of the museum but that was resolved last week

As per previous months others were related to various parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, and the general state of roads and pavements and bushes/trees requiring maintenance in a number of locations across the Burgh.

QDCC has received 6 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- 14th century reenactment society called Britannia XIV
- Lorries transporting rocks and driving along Burgess Road/Station Road/Rosshill Terrace
- Traffic management surrounding Forth Bridge abseil
- Access for ambulance during the above event/emergency situation
- Revised Local Development Plan and impact on Queensferry
- Kerbside drop for driveway

2. Once again, no significant postal correspondence received this month
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast almost 1400 followers.

Just a reminder to all Councillors that the QDCC website is also active, requires constant administration and I would once again encourage all members to have a look and again welcome any suggestions for materials to post.

(www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org)

We continue to field many queries from local residents through our Facebook pages. Many thanks to Diane, Grant and Laura for responding to many of these queries on behalf of QDCC.

The main contributors broadly match e-mail correspondence content, but again in a much greater volume. Most recent FB traffic has related to the revised Local Development Plan, Stagecoach 40/40A service, grass/weed/tree trimming, museum closure, traffic & parking issues, Queensferry Crossing, Scotrail, Forth Bridge abseil, late bin collections and Lothian Buses.

Many local groups also continue to post updates and advertise events on our wall and again I would encourage anyone who has internet access to sign up to the QDCC page if they have not already done so.

4. On behalf of QDCC this month I have written and responded to CEC officials, CEC Councillors (both inside and outwith Almond Ward) and a number of local residents on various issues – including continuing dialogue with the Varney Residents Association and EMA Architects, CALA Homes (Agilent Site), Evans of Leeds (FerryMuir) and FCBC.
I asked the Almond Ward Councillors to submit a number of questions to CEC on the noticeable increase in queries relating to late bin collections. The response to these can be found in a separate report.
5. On 27th May I attended a meeting with Stagecoach – details as described in Transport Report
6. On 9th June I attended a meeting with Scotrail – again details as described in Transport Report. On a personal note I found the guest, John Yellowlees one of the most interesting and informative speakers to visit QDCC!
7. On 18th June I attended a meeting in the CEC of the Forth Bridges Forum. Items discussed included Forth Bridges Special Projects, Tourism Project Group and the Traffic Management & Parking Strategy
8. On 19th June I attended a meeting of the Planning Sub Committee which centered primarily on the Ferrymuir development plans and the QDCC strategy moving forward.
9. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. The e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version and used in any group wide communication.
10. Should any member have questions on the content of this report or any other aspect regarding the role of the Correspondence Secretary, please contact me directly.

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30th June 2014